



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/019,402
Filed : December 28, 2001
Based on Int'l Appln. No. : PCT/JP00/04337
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS
: FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
: FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
: CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit : 1614

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 23, 2004

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed November 25, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before April 25, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: